

Amendments to the Specification:

On Page 14, second full paragraph, lines 9-23, please amend as follows:

In order to perform the method, low cytokine (IL-3, IL-6 and granulocyte-macrophage colony stimulation ~~stem-cell~~ factor (GMCSF) ~~(SCF)~~ levels are important. The higher the cytokine levels the more the cells are stimulated to undergo mitosis. Too low a level can result in cell death, however. Using the inventive method, it is therefore advantageous to use cytokine levels of no greater than about 15 ng/ml IL-3, 15 ng/ml IL-6 and 1.5 ng/ml granulocyte macrophage colony stimulating ~~stem-cell~~ factor. Preferably levels between 1-15 ng/ml IL-3, 1-15 ng/ml IL-6 and 0.1-1.5 ng/ml ~~stem-cell factor~~ GMCSF. More preferably, cytokines are present at 5-10 ng/ml IL-3, 5-10 ng/ml IL-6 and 0.5-1 ng/ml ~~stem-cell factor~~ GMCSF. The most preferred cytokine levels are 10 ng/ml IL-3, 10 ng/ml IL-6 and 1 ng/ml ~~stem-cell factor~~ GMCSF.